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Dear Mr. Klein:

Enclosed is the State Waste Discharge Permit ST 4501 (Permit) for the 400 Area Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF) complex, which has been issued to the United States Department of Energy in accordance with Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 90.48. Please follow the existing permit until the effective date of this new permit. Also enclosed is the Fact Sheet for the Permit.

In response to the passage of Initiative 97, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) adopted a Wastewater Discharge Permit Fee (Chapter 173-224 of the Washington Administrative Code). You will be receiving periodic bills for your Permit from Ecology's Lacey office.

Submission of an application for permit renewal or continued discharge must be received by Ecology no later than 180 days prior to your Permit expiration date (see General Condition G7 of the Permit). Please contact the Ecology Water Quality Permit Coordinator for an application form.

This Permit can be appealed. Your appeal must be filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board, P.O. Box 40903, Olympia, Washington 98504-0903, within thirty days of receipt of the Permit. At the same time, your appeal must be sent to the Department of Ecology, c/o Enforcement Officer, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600, and to Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program, 1315 West Fourth Avenue, Kennewick, Washington 99336-6018. The notice of appeal must contain a copy of the order or decision being appealed, and if the order or decision followed an application, a copy of the application. Your appeal alone will not stay the effectiveness of this Permit. Stay requests must be submitted in accordance with RCW 43.21B.320. These procedures are consistent with Chapter 43.21B RCW.

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Any appeal must contain the following in accordance with the rules of the Hearings Board:

- A. The appellant's name and address.
- B. The coverage date and number of the permit appealed.
- C. A description of the substance of the permit coverage that is the subject of the appeal.
- D. A clear, separate, and concise statement of each error alleged to have been committed.
- E. A clear and concise statement of facts upon which the requester relies to sustain such statements of error.
- F. A statement setting forth the relief sought.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Kathy Conaway at (509) 736-3045.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Wilson, Program Manager  
Nuclear Waste Program

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Enclosures

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cc w/enc: Environmental Portal, LMSI  
Administrative Record: Permit ST 4501